

PARTNERSHIP, STATEWIDE AND TRANSIT PLANNING

Partnership Planning

PURPOSE

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has authorized Caltrans to allocate these grant funds. The Partnership Planning Element requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) to jointly perform transportation planning studies with Caltrans that have a statewide benefit and/or multi-regional significance. The anticipated benefits of the proposal must result in improvements to the State or regional transportation system. These benefits may include: (1) Improved public involvement and consensus efforts including government-to-government relations; (2) Enhanced ability to plan or operate, collect data on, and provide information about State, regional or local transportation systems; and (3) Improved ability to plan and implement transportation services, systems and projects.

GRANT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Projects are transportation planning studies having statewide benefit and/or multi-regional significance jointly performed by MPOs, RTPAs, and Caltrans.
- The project must result in improvements to the State or regional transportation system.
- Results in improvements to public involvement and consensus efforts including government-to-government relations.

PROJECT TYPES

Regional transportation planning studies with a statewide or multi-regional perspective and benefit; corridor studies and corridor preservation studies; projects that evaluate transportation issues involving international borders, seaports, airports, intermodal facilities, freight hubs, and recreational sites; and studies that identify regional and/or statewide mobility and access needs.

ELIGIBILITY

MPOs and RTPAs are eligible to submit applications for this grant program. Projects are to be performed jointly with Caltrans staff. Cities, counties, Native American Tribal Governments, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), public entities (universities, public transit agencies, local transportation commissions, port authorities, airport commissions and similar entities) may apply for a grant as a sub-recipient.

FUNDING

Approximately \$847,700 will be available in FY 2003/04. The maximum amount per grant cannot exceed \$300,000. The matching basis for this program is 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent non-Federal local match.

Statewide Transit Planning Studies

PURPOSE

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has authorized Caltrans to award grants to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the development of studies on transit issues having statewide or multi-regional significance to assist in reducing urban transportation needs and/or improving transit service.

GRANT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Project is a transit study that has statewide or multi-regional significance to assist in reducing urban transportation needs and improving transit service; and
- Reflects a critical need, e.g., improved public involvement, improved government-to-government relations, and enhanced ability to plan and implement State, regional, or local transportation services and projects.

PROJECT TYPES

Some examples of appropriate uses for Statewide Transit Planning Studies include: Statewide transit planning surveys and research, GIS development, transit planning handbook/procedures development for transportation planning agencies, identification of policies, strategies, and programs to preserve transportation facilities and optimize transportation infrastructure utility, transit related smart growth studies, and development of transit planning and travel forecasting tools and models.

ELIGIBILITY

MPOs and RTPAs are eligible to submit applications for this grant program. Cities, counties, Native American Tribal Governments, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), public entities (public universities, public transit agencies, local transportation commissions, port authorities, airport commissions and similar entities) may apply for a grant as a sub-recipient.

FUNDING

An estimated \$880,000 will be available in FY 2003/04. The maximum amount per grant cannot exceed \$300,000. The matching basis for this program is 88.53 percent Federal funds and 11.47 percent non-Federal match.

Transit Technical Planning Assistance

PURPOSE

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has authorized Caltrans to award grants to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the preparation of public transit and/or intermodal transportation planning projects showing benefit to the rural transit service areas of California (population 50,000 and under).

GRANT SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Project is a public or intermodal transportation planning study in rural and small urban transit service areas (defined as transit service areas up to 50,000 population per the last census);
- The project should identify the mobility and access needs of a community and provide an assessment of its transit system's continuity within and between areas and regions; and
- Results in public involvement/consensus building in the transportation planning process.

PROJECT TYPES

Some examples of appropriate uses for Transit Technical Planning Assistance grants include: Short-Range Transit Development Plans, Transit Marketing Plans, Site Selection Studies, Transit Service Implementation Plans, Ridership Surveys, Social Service Improvement Studies, Transit Coordination Studies, and Evaluations and Analyses of public participation activities.

ELIGIBILITY

MPOs and RTPAs are eligible to submit applications for this grant program. Cities, counties, Native American Tribal Governments, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), public entities (public universities, public transit agencies, local transportation commissions, port authorities, airport commissions and similar entities) may apply for a grant as a sub-recipient.

FUNDING:

An estimated \$480,000 will be available in FY 2003/04. The maximum amount per grant cannot exceed \$80,000. The matching basis for this program is 88.53 percent Federal funds and 11.47 percent non-Federal match.